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**Traffic Safety**

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Mr. Lowell M. Porter, Director  
Washington Traffic Safety Commission  
1000 Cherry St. SE  
Olympia, WA 98504-0944

Dear Mr. Porter:

Washington has made significant progress in reducing traffic fatalities and injuries on our roadways. In order to continue this success we must ensure our traffic safety programs utilize the most timely and accurate information for decision-making at both the state and local level. We need high quality data to identify problems, design and manage solutions, and evaluate the effectiveness of these solutions. By improving the information we use, we can better document progress toward key measures of performance to enhance management and accountability in public service.

The Washington Traffic Records Committee (TRC) is the statewide stakeholder group responsible for developing effective strategies to improve methods of collecting, disseminating, and utilizing traffic-related information. A well-supported and representative TRC is essential to provide the necessary leadership to coordinate traffic records improvement projects across multiple agencies. This collaborative approach minimizes duplication of work by enabling agencies to leverage one another's efforts in achieving common goals.

I endorse the efforts of the Washington Traffic Records Committee and the implementation of a statewide, multi-year strategic plan. This document serves as a blueprint for future improvements to the state's traffic records system. The TRC has established clearly defined goals and objectives and provided an inventory of projects for carrying out these priorities.

I encourage each agency to continue to support the activities of the TRC. Sustained support will assure the proper coordination to make Washington's traffic records system more efficient, providing the most timely and accurate information possible. The result will be more effective traffic safety programs to help reduce fatalities and injuries across our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris".

Christine Gregoire  
Governor

